

Originally known as the "Greenwood Congregation", New Windsor Presbyterian is one of the oldest churches of that denomination in the County, dating back to the 1830's. The small charming brick church with both conventional and classic details sits since 1841 undisturbed in New Windsor.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME** Greenwood Congregation

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

New Windsor Presbyterian Church

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Church Street and High Street (MD 31)

CITY, TOWN

New Windsor

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

11

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Carroll

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

— DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

— STRUCTURE

— SITE

— OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

— PUBLIC

— PRIVATE

☒ BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

— IN PROCESS

— BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED

— UNOCCUPIED

— WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

— YES: UNRESTRICTED

— NO

**PRESENT USE**

— AGRICULTURE

— COMMERCIAL

— EDUCATIONAL

— ENTERTAINMENT

— GOVERNMENT

— INDUSTRIAL

— MILITARY

— MUSEUM

— PARK

— PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☒ RELIGIOUS

— SCIENTIFIC

— TRANSPORTATION

— OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

New Windsor Presbyterian Church

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Church Street

CITY, TOWN

New Windsor

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

21776

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Carroll County Office Building

Liber #: NONE

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

225 North Center Street

CITY, TOWN

Westminster

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**

☒ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED

DATE 1841**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This lovely, small, rectangular, one-story, American bond brick building stands parallel with Md. 31, commonly known as High **Street**, in New Windsor. The front facade faces north/northwest, as the building sits fairly level with High Street; about 8-10 yards east of it. An uncoursed, stone foundation anchors the brick walls which support a gable roof, with standing seam finish, a box cornice and an interior front, open, square wood belfry. The base of the belfry is covered with wood shingles. Its top half is plain, painted wood. Each of the four sides has double, rounded arch openings. A heavy cornice supports a rounded hip roof.

All windows on the first story of this three-bay front, three-bay side, two-bay back building are identical. They are 2/2 stained glass with corner blocks with roundels. Basement windows are 2/2 plain glass, plain trim, and shorter in length than the former.

SOUTH-BACK The south back wall is a two-bay, first story; three-bay basement with two side windows and a central door on the basement level. The recessed door, with two vertical panels and interior arch decorative moulded panels has a four-light transom. The trim is the same as all windows. Two large washers between bays suggest support beams.

East & West side walls are both three-bays on the first story. The east wall has a three-bay basement level, while the west has two-bays on the basement level.

North front has two-side bays of windows in recessed walls. The central door has a rounded arch 1/1 stained glass window. Between bays and on each end of this facade is a brick pilaster with a white, wood cap. A horizontal wooden beam between pilasters on either side of the recessed walls helps support the upper wall under the gable,

The front recessed double doors have four-vertical, moulded panels, each with a stained glass transom over both. The door is framed by two wooden pilasters (painted) and a heavy entablature with a row of dentals (below the entablature, above the frieze). The interior arch is decoratively panelled. Cement steps lead to the original stone stoop.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

New Windsor Presbyterian, originally known as the Greenwood Congregation, is one of the oldest Presbyterian congregations in Carroll County. Its origins stem from the influences from the Piney Creek congregation of the late 1000's (Carr. -99)

The New Windsor congregation was organized sometime in 1838 and perhaps earlier. Proof of formal organization does not surface until 1839, when a group of three men and five women met at the Greenwood School House for the purpose of organizing a Presbyterian Church.

Greenwood School By the close of the Revolutionary War, home builders began to move into the Greenwood area to settle. As law and order formalized by 1800, Greenwood grew into a thriving community. Small, private schools were established here before being established in New Windsor. A Jacob Landers who owned close to 600 acres of land along Sam's Creek, left funds in his will for permanent support and upkeep of the Greenwood School House named after the community and early settlers. It served as a general meeting place, academic school and occasional worship house.

In 1839, a young Rev. Mr. John Carter, a missionary preacher of the Presbyterian Church of Taneytown, worked and helped organize the 1839 meeting which formally organized the New Windsor Presbyterian Church. Church meetings were held in the school house until 1841 when this church was built (for \$3,543 for church and manse).

The dream got off its feet when Isaac Atlee, the founder of New Windsor deeded one acre and nine square perches of land to the Trustees of the "English Presbyterian Church of New Windsor", for the sole purpose of the erection of a house of worship. James Atlee, Isaac's son was the First Ruling Elder of the Church, as he was the one who advanced the necessary funds to erect it. A parsonage was built on land adjacent to the Church and was later known as the Kleefisch home, but because of financial difficulties in 1844, the house was sold. The small brick church has stood since virtually unchanged, save for minor adjustments. In 1898, the original clouded glass windows were replaced by the present stained glass. A more recent interior structural addition is a stairway connecting the Sunday School (basement) with the Sanctuary. In 1975-76, the interior was refurbished in honor of the Bicentennial and their 135th Anniversary.

New Windsor Presbyterian is a chartered English Presbyterian Church rather than the usual Scottish affiliation. The original pastor, John Carter, born in Plymouth, England, was one of the founders of this denomination.

-1872 is the earliest available record of the Sunday School, which at that time housed a total of 90 participants, the largest the church has had in its history.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland COUNTY Carroll

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

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CITY OR TOWN Westminster STATE Maryland

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New Windsor Presbyterian Ch.  
Carroll County

## 8 SIGNIFICANCE

-The cemetery lies adjacent to the church. The first recorded plot belongs to a Dr. Robert Dodds, a native of Scotland, who died in 1833, and whose body was moved to the new cemetery in the 1840's, from Greenwood.

-Originally the grounds were lined with large, stately cedars, but in 1974 Granville Bixler donated weeping cherry and mountain ash trees in memory of his Presbyterian ancestors.

-The church has played a prominent part in the history of New Windsor, as well as the denomination it represents in the county and in connection with Blue Ridge College.

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New Windsor Presbyterian Ch.

Dec./78

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n/w corner

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New Windsor Presbyterian Church (Greenwood Congregation)

Church & High Streets, New Windsor

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West elevation



Northwest facade

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South elevation



Cemetery, facing northeast